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SUBJECT: FY-1975 EXPENDITURES

REF: STATE 144349

1. EMBASSY WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT HOLD FY-1975
OBLIGATIONS WITHIN NORMAL, MINIMUM OPERATING LEVELS.

2. RE PARA 4 (C) REFTEL: EMBASSY UNABLE HOLD FIRST
QUARTER OBLIGATIONS FOR CONTRACTUAL SERVICES TO ONE-
FOURTH OF FY-1974 EXPENDITURES BECAUSE OF:

A. PRICE INCREASES EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1974, REFLECTING
COST OF LIVING INCREASES STIPULATED IN CONTRACTS, FOR:
CLEANING SERVICES AT ZURICH: TWENTY PERCENT; MEDICAL
EXAMINATION AND IMMUNIZATION SERVICES: TWENTY PERCENT;
SERVICING TYPEWRITERS AND OIL BURNERS: TWELVE PERCENT.

B. COST INCREASES OF ABOUT FOUR PERCENT ON ALL SWISS FRANC
OBLIGATIONS BASED ON AVERAGE FY-1974 RATE OF EXCHANGE
OF SWISS FRANCS 3.04 TO DOLS ONE, AS COMPARED TO PRESENT
RATE OF ABOUT SF 2.92.

AMBASSADOR'S ABSENCE IN U.S. SINCE JULY 4 THROUGH EARLY
AUGUST MAY ALLOW EMBASSY STAY WITHIN ONE-FOURTH OF FY-1974
EXPENSES FOR CONTROLLABLE TRAVEL. IF IMPOSSIBLE, EMBASSY
WILL REQUEST AUTHORITY TO EXCEED LIMITATION, AS TRAVEL IS
ESSENTIAL FUNCTION AT ALL PROGRAM LEVELS OF EMBASSY
AND CONGEN ZURICH PARTICULARLY IN ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL
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3. RE PARA 4 (E) REFTTEL:

A. LISTED BELOW ARE ADDITIONAL COSTS IN EXISTING LEASES, NECESSITATED BY INCREASE IN COST OF LIVING INDEX FOR SWITZERLAND, AS STIPULATED IN THE CONTRACTS:

LEASE NO.	EFFECTIVE DATE OF INCREASE	COST INCREASE FY-1975
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S51 FBO-56	7/1/74	404
S51 FBO-67	7/1/74	3,259
S374 FBO-59	7/1/74	590
S374 FBO-50	11/1/74	1,414
TOTAL PROGRAM		5,667

S51 FBO-59	7/1/74	517
S51 FBO-58	1/1/75	291
S51 FBO-64	5/1/75	262
TOTAL SHARED		1,070

IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE INCREASES, COSTS IN EXCESS OF FY-1974 EXPENDITURES HAVE TO BE INCURRED IN FY-1975 FOR ALL LEASE CONTRACTS DUE TO THE FOUR PERCENT INCREASE FOR THE DOLLAR EROSION.

B. THE MOVE TO NEW OFFICES OF THE CONSULATE GENERAL ZURICH, PRESENTLY UNDER NEGOTIATION AND SCHEDULED FOR THE SECOND QUARTER OF FY-1975, WILL REQUIRE ADDITIONAL FY-1975 RENTAL AND OTHER COSTS, AS REPORTED SEPARATELY TO THE BUREAU.

4. REQUEST BUREAU APPROVAL TO EXCEED LIMITATIONS FOR CONTRACTUAL SERVICES AND RENTAL LEASES.
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